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Colonial Secretary's Office

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Sir,

The Lieutenant Governor,
having completed his Inspection
of the different Stations under
your direction on Tasmania's
Peninsula, has deemed me to
convey to you the assurance of
His Excellency's perfect satisfaction
with the State in which he
found the various Establishments,
the discipline of the Convicts,
and especially with the visible
improvement

Capt. A. Broth J.P.

improvement which has taken
place in the settlements at
Port Arthur and Point Barrow. —

In making this
communication, I am to express
to you that The Lieutenant Governor
is perfectly sensible that
unless you had devoted yourself
with unremitting zeal towards
carrying out the views of
the local government, the results
of the system of discipline
established under your
superintendence would not
have been thus satisfactory, —
and

and I am at the same time to
request your attention to some
improvements which the
Lieutenant Governor considers
will yet further advance the
discipline of the Councils
entrusted to your care. —

1. — At the last
Meeting, the Lieutenant Governor
looked very narrowly into the
causes which have led to the
increase of Absconding from
that Settlement, and is of
opinion that it has been
induced principally from a

Want

want of responsible persons,
persons, Overseers, or Constables
to establish an effectual
Supervision, by more frequently
visiting, at uncertain periods,
the different parties at their
several places of detached labour.

His Excellency would be
glad to be favored with your
opinion as to the number and
description of persons required,
and the rate of pay you would
recommend to be allowed them. —

2. The Hon^{ble} Governor
having personally visited and
approved

approved the locality proposed
by you as the site of an
Establishment for Probationary
Gangs upon their first arrival
from England. - I am to
request your earliest
attention to the preparation
of temporary accommodation
for such Convicts who will
amount to about 200 in the
first instance. - The intention
of His Excellency is, that permanent
buildings, to carry on the System
of discipline on the Separate System,
shall be subsequently erected, that

Yours

being the plan approved of by Her
Majesty's Government. - Her
Excellency has pointed out to you
the place at which the Settlement
is to be made, and whatever
Temporary Buildings you may
erect are to be placed in reference to
the ulterior object I have now
alluded to, - upon which subject
you will receive further Instructions.

The Lieutenant Governor
will be glad to know what
Salary you would recommend for
the Superintendent of this new
Station. - and what number of
Overseers.

Quinn, Constable &c, will be
desirable. -

3. In reference to the
Station at Eagle Hawk Creek, the
Lieutenant Governor thinks that
the dogs across the creek are not
sufficiently numerous. -

4. - His Excellency desires
me to say that it has given him
much pleasure to see the increased
efficiency of the dogs barring trades
at Point Barre, and that he would
wish to be informed whether the
services of a free person well
acquainted with boat building
might

might not be engaged with
advantage, not only to bring up
boys to that Trade but to economy
by the building of boats for the
service of the Marine Department.

The Lieutenant Governor is
also anxious that some promising
boys should be brought up to the
higher branches of Gardening such
as grafting, budding, &c

But I am especially to
request your particular attention
to the absolute necessity of
introducing "the separate system"
generally, but at Point Barre with
the

the last possible delay. - Her
Majesty's Government has determined
"that of all systems of imprisonment,
"that which is called the Separate
"system is the most efficacious and
"complete"; - and you will therefore
at once perceive the necessity of
carrying out this principle by all
possible ~~delay~~ means, both in
reference to any new buildings
which may be erected or in course
of erection, and in the revision
of those already existing. -

I am to add that the
Secretary of State has also intimated

his

his opinion that it is not advisable,
when associated labor is adopted,
to attempt to enforce by coercive
means perpetual Silence, - such
attempts never being entirely
successful, while they provoke
and excite the criminals. -

Silence as a means of
discipline, however, in marching
gangs to and fro, may be properly
supplied and enforced. -

5. - His Excellency has
examined the subject, as brought
before him at New Orleans, a
Certificate being added to the

Establishment

Establishment at the Great Mines. —

Being satisfied of the impossibility of one Minister being able to perform the duties required for the whole Peninsula — he has approved of some persons of tried piety and discretion, he shall be assured, receiving such Appointment, to be resident in the first instance at the Mines, but subsequently at the adjacent locality determined upon for the Rotationalary Courts, — and who shall perform the duties of both Stations. —

C. - The Lieutenant Governor
desires your attention to the fact,
that hereafter, Norfolk Island
being closed against the worst
description of criminals being
sent thither, as has hitherto
been the case, it becomes
doubly necessary that you should
consider every possible means
of preventing escape into the
settled Districts; - in His
Excellency's opinion, and
judging from late events,
increased means are absolutely
necessary required. - He will
therefore

He would therefore be glad to have
your views as to the best means
of accomplishing this object, merely
observing that it appears to him
that East Bay Neck, and the
Coast opposite the Coal Mines should
be guarded.

J. - I am to beg that you
will lose no time in proceeding
with the erection of a Water Mill
at that location for grinding corn,
as already instructed.

S. - The Lieutenant Governor,
feeling convinced that the advantage
to be derived from your personal
inspection

inspection of all the details of the
several stations on the Peninsula,
has been pleased to authorize your
receiving the usual allowance for
forage from the 7th July last, -
and in reference to your application
of the 30th May last, for an increase
of salary, and my reply thereto,
His Excellency will now strongly
recommend that your salary be
increased to £500 per annum.

I have &c

(Signed) W. Fortescue